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## Town Topics.

### WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

A. J. Blake was in town a few days last week.

Howard Carter came up from Portland, Sunday.

H. C. Rowe returned from Boston Sunday morning.

Fresh maple honey has made its appearance in Bethel.

Dr. Kittredge of Farmington, spent last week in Bethel.

Robert Snodgrass of Berlin, N.H. was in our village Friday.

Isaac Heath of W. Bethel has sold his farm to Frank A. Ruler.

Scott Robinson has moved into S. D. Philbrook's rent on Elm St.

T. F. Hastings returned from a week's trip to Boston, Saturday night.

Daniel Sparring has taken a position on the railroad as section hand.

Mr. Field will resume his work with his drawing class next Monday night.

C. C. Bryant has recently sold the James Smith place to A. A. Bruce of Bridgton.

V. S. Hussey of Bangor, agent for the New Home sewing machine was in town Friday.

The New England Home Co. will present "A New England Home" in Odeon Hall this evening.

Miss Alice Purington left for Boston last Saturday, where she is to study music and art.

The many friends of G. R. Wiley are pleased to learn that he has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to go out.

A. W. Meserve was called to Naples last Friday afternoon, owing to the sudden death of his father, which occurred Friday.

D. S. Hastings of Ubat, Mont., who has been spending the winter in Bethel, started to-day for his home. His family will return later.

If you need any new house-furnishing goods this spring, try the Atkinson Furniture Co., Lewiston, Me. They allow car fares and pay freight. Circular with prices mailed on request.

Prof. W. R. Chapman met the Bethel Chorus last Friday night. In his good-natured way he congratulated the chorus on the success that has attended their efforts in the study of Elijah. He gave the chorus many helpful points which will enable them to study with more zeal and enthusiasm. He is planning a rich treat for Bethel in the music line in May, which if it materializes, will far exceed anything in Bethel's history. Mr. Chapman left on Saturday afternoon for Norway.

Judge Foster, at the expiration of his present term as Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, which position he has occupied the past fourteen years, we understand will assume the practice of law and will open his office for general law business. He was in practice nineteen years before he went upon the bench. Inducements have been offered him to go to the city and enter practice there, but he says he prefers to remain with the people of his native county with whom he has been so long acquainted.

**Card of Thanks.**  
We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have so kindly assisted us in our bereavement, in the sickness and death of our loving husband and father; to the many neighbors and friends for the acts of kindness and words of sympathy.

Mrs. Mary O. Foster.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Foster.  
Percie Foster.  
May I. Foster.  
Mrs. Everett Hammons.  
Clifton O. Foster.

The following Bethel citizens were in Portland, Saturday: Dr. F. B. Tuell, E. C. Rowe, Maj. G. A. Hastings, D. S. Hastings, Milton Penley, and E. C. Bowler.

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## A WOMAN'S STORY.

Three Days of Rebel Rule.

The tourist who comes to Gettysburg as a sight-seer, quickly finds his way to the cemetery, so beautiful for situation, and thence over the broad avenues that mark the lines of battle to Round Top, Devil's Den, and other notable points; but while these are the well-known and well-marked centres of conflict, there are miles of out-lying country that were held in possession by the two armies and were the scenes of brave deeds and interesting incidents. The busiest part of the battle covered the ground from the seminary on the west of the town to Round Top, southwest; thence to Cemetery Hill, south; thence to Culp's Hill and the scene of the great cavalry fight on the southeast; but the ground actually occupied by the immense numbers of men, with the necessary concomitants of such a host, is hard to estimate accurately. It is no exaggeration to say that at least twenty miles of country lying close around the town were taken up by the manifold and murderous agents of the fight; men, horses, cannon wagons, ambulances, and hospitals, all actors in or attendants on the tragedy.

Meade's army lay south of Gettysburg. Lee's army was spread around a long curve embracing the turn on the northwest, north, and northeast. In a farm-house situated in this region, north of the turn and three miles distant from it, I then lived as I live now, and saw a great deal of the army; but nothing of the fighting.

From the time that Lee's army had crossed the Potomac, we knew there was trouble ahead for us; but we thought a battle would be fought, for we felt about that as people do about dying—it may come to everybody else, but not to us—but we dreaded the reckless raiders and their foraging excursions to barn and stable and field. So when it seemed pretty sure that this was what would happen to us, my husband took our horses and in company with several neighbors and their horses went off to York county hoping to save them. They started Friday afternoon, the 26th of June, and had only been gone a little while when we heard sharp firing about half a mile from the house. I was very much frightened then, more so than at any other time, for I was afraid they had met the rebels and some one had been killed. But I went to a neighbor's later and found it was Confederate skirmishers firing on a couple of companies of cavalry that had been sent out to reconnoiter. On Saturday, we were greatly disturbed, and on Sunday, too; we went to church, in town, however, and tried to have Sunday school in our school-house, but had to dismiss it because "the rebels were about." On Monday, my husband came back, bringing the horses. I was sorely put out when I saw them, for I felt there was no safety here; he said there was no safety in York county, as the enemy was scouring that region. So we determined where we would hide them in case the danger grew; and all day Tuesday we watched and wondered, for we knew that the enemy was very near. We could see their camp-fires all along the mountains and were constantly hearing of them in the neighborhood. You see that hill over there? Well, there never was much timber on it and it was a first-rate place for a lookout. On Wednesday morning, July 1, I hurried through with my work, and thought if there was anything to be seen I could see it from there; and I got there bright and early and found most of my neighbors before me, for we were very anxious. But there was nothing to be seen of anybody's army. The day was very warm, the sun shining, and oh! it was so still! I wish I could describe the quiet that was everywhere. I could not hear a dog bark or a rooster crow; even the birds did not sing. It was an awful stillness, and I can feel it yet whenever I think of that morning.

Mr. S—, a neighbor of mine, said "Harriet, suppose we walk out the road and see if we can find out anything." I guess I am one of the kind who find it easier to go than to stand still, so I agreed and we started out on the road that joins the Mummaburg road. We walked on talking quietly until we came to a field of grass about a mile away; there we found a number of mounted Union pickets standing pretty close along the fence. The men seemed worn out and their horses did look monstrous tired. We asked why they did not get some grass out of the field and feed them, and they said their orders were such that they did not dare do it, although they had ridden all night. If we had

## Humorous.

Ladies and gentlemen, said an Irish manager to an audience of three, "as there is nobody here, I'll dismiss you all. The performance of this night will not be performed, but will be repeated tomorrow evening."

"Rural reader (to agricultural editor):" "Will you please tell me in the next issue of your valuable paper if ashes are good to put on strawberries?" Agricultural Editor (in the next issue of his valuable paper): "Pomona! but like ashes on the strawberries; may as for ourselves we prefer sugar and cream."

"Have you an extra umbrella I could borrow?" asked a man in a friend's office. "I have an umbrella," replied the friend, pointing to a weather-beaten, rock-ribbed piece of rusty calico in the corner, "but I don't think you will find it anything extra." He spoke the truth, but the umbrella never came back all the same.

"And so you have named your baby, have you?" "Oh, yes." "What did you call him?" "Thomas Muscovy Martin Luther Benson." "The poor little toad! Why did you load it down with so much name?" "Well, it seemed as if I couldn't slight my own brother, and I insisted on Muscovy on his account." "But how about Martin Luther? you wasn't under any obligation to him." "No, but my husband was determined that he must be named after one of the apostles, and Martin was my choice of the lot."

**A "Lucky" Lawyer.**  
Numerous instances are given of the power that Mr. Rufus Choate possessed over a jury, concealing it even at the time he was exercising it with the most potent effect. Mr. E. P. Whipple instances two notable cases of this kind: One resolute jurymen said to another as he entered the "box":

"Now, mind you, there is one man in this crowd who will not give a verdict for the client of that man Choate. Why, sir, he is the great corrupter of juries. I know all his arts. He is engaged by fellows who wish to subvert justice between man and man. I hate him with my whole heart and soul!"

When the verdict was given for Choate's client, with hardly a discussion in the jury room, the wonder was expressed that this obstinate member of the convolve agreed so readily with the rest.

"Oh," he said, "the case was a plain one. Choate was right this time, and you know it would have been scandalous for me to violate justice because I had a prejudice against the person who supported it. Let him appear before us in a case where he is palpably wrong, and I will show you that I'm all right. He never can humbug me!"

On another occasion a hard-headed, strong-hearted, well-educated farmer was one of a jury that gave five verdicts in succession for Choate's client. He said:

"I did not think much of his flights of fancy, but I considered him a very lucky lawyer, for there was not one of those five cases that came before us where he wasn't on the right side."

**Impure Blood in Spring.**  
This is the almost universal experience. Diminished perspiration during winter, rich foods and close confinement indoors are some of the causes. A good Spring Medicine, like Hood's Sarsaparilla, is absolutely necessary to purify the blood and put the system in a healthy condition at this season.

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**WISE SAYINGS.**  
What if the days are dreary?  
What if earth wears no smile?  
A gate will open outward  
In such a little while.

—E. L. Beers,  
Though many guests be absent,  
It is the cheerful man we miss—  
African Proverb.

Tears were not sent to blind our eyes, but to wash them.—Sunday School Times.

People who think they are misunderstood often are really understood too well.—Chicago Record.

"The seven deadly sins are at our elbow unless the one virtue of love is in our heart to render them invisible."

Exact justice is commonly more merciful in the long run than pity, for it tends to foster in men those stronger qualities which make them good citizens.—Lowell.

The trick of humor is to speak in jest, to think and feel in earnest. This innocent mask turns out to be a mirror, and truth looks out from behind, but reflected in front.

## Humorous.

I packed a market basket full of bread and butter and wine and old linen and bandages and pins, for I belonged to a society in town that prepared such things. Just as I was starting, one of my nieces said she would go too; she jumped up behind me and I fixed the basket in front. I went the straight road toward town and stopped at a friend's house to find out where the Union wounded were. Just then the Confederate General Judkins rode up and told me to come with him and he would show me. We rode on to the top of Kockler's Hill; do you remember the long, steep hill, with the pretty view from the top? That is the hill, and when we got there and saw that valley I confess I felt a little discouraged and my niece begged me to go back. Before we reached the foot of the hill a courier came for General Judkins and I never saw him again. But on I went; as far as I could see there were men, living and dead, and horses and wagons, and guns and cannon, and confusion everywhere. You know that morning. Getting down into the valley I began calling: "Where are our wounded?" and soon I heard "Here, Here!" and all about, hands were lifted up and beckoned me to come. I had found them lying in the broiling sun, where they had lain for twenty-four hours—with no food and no water.

A zigzag fence was standing on the side of the road and in its angles were many who had taken shelter there from the sun and to avoid being trampled on. I told my niece to give bread and butter to all that could eat it and wine to the faint and I would look after their wounds. You wonder, as do many others, how I could attend to them. The very worst, of course, needed a surgeon's care, but I did the best I could for the rest. I would cut open a trouser leg or a coat sleeve—anything until I found the wound, and then clean it and put on fresh clothes. One of the first I touched was a poor fellow badly hurt in the back. I cut open his coat from his waist up and found that the cloth he had put on the wound to stanch the blood was so dried that I could not loosen it—and I had no water. A wounded comrade lying near said: "Madam, there is a little tea in my cantine that I have been saving; maybe you can loosen it with that."

I had been hearing the pitiful cry of "Water," "Water," all around me, and when I found these men had had none for twenty-four hours I rose up in my wrath, and turning to the rebels who were walking about, I said: "Is it possible that none of you will bring water to these poor fellows?"

Our officer heard me, and finding that what I said was true, he ordered a lot of men to mount and bring all that was necessary. They said the wells at the nearest houses were pumped out; but in strong English, with some stronger words thrown in, he sent them off with canteens strung all over them, and I directed them where to go to find a good spring. Soon we had plenty of water.

While busy at my work a German surgeon came along, saying he had been directed to look after the Union wounded. As he could not speak English, and I could not speak German, we got a "chuck" of a boy to act as interpreter, for I wanted him to look at the wounds I had dressed and see if they were right. I felt very proud when I heard him say "Gut," "Gut," to many of them. He was as gentle as a woman in his touch, and it did me good to see how tenderly he handled those wounded men. I had to go home when my stores gave out, promising to come again with more; but my husband would not let me go again. I shall never cease to regret it; there were so many in need of care and there were none to give it.

When on my way home that afternoon I saw a field full of men, and was puzzled to know who they were and why they were there. When I came very near I found they were prisoners—our Northern boys who expected to start South any hour—and they swarmed around me like bees begging me to take charge of letters to their friends. I said to them, "Boys, don't be paroled, you are in your own country and stand every chance of getting off. I beg of you not to be paroled." There were nearly two thousand, and, sure enough, their captors only marched them about three miles from town when they had to let them go in order to make good their own retreat.

When it was all over and the last one of the enemy had gone, the feeling of relief was great, but I was too tired to enjoy it. We had not rested, day or night; by night the passing of men, artillery and wagons was constant; by day

never had wanted to fight, but was forced to. I showed him where he could wash himself, and then I went in to find him other clothes. I got him a complete outfit, except shoes, gave him plenty of bread and milk and took him to a sleeping place in my attic. He now owns a farm near us here and has a family; he has been back several times to his old home.

We had to hide a great many things, for they went through the house in search of valuables, meat, and money. Our hams were had on a sort of shelf that projected on the inside of the two large chimneys with open fireplaces and they were not touched. But we had brought from the mill, a few days before the battle, thirty or forty barrels of flour; and where to hide them was the next question. We had just had an immense pile of wood sawed for our winter use, and looking at the barrels and then at the wood we hit on a plan. The back of the wood-shed was boarded up, and by putting the barrels row after row against this back and piling the sawed wood closely in front and all over them we had an innocent looking wood pile, but a very valuable one to us—with flour selling for a dozen dollars a barrel.

The hiding of the horses was a sore point with me. Under the barn there is a kind of cellar room, and there is a door leading into it from the foddering room, and on the inside a low door, high enough for sheep to go in and out; for we used it for a sheep stable. We made a deep bed of straw in there, so that the horses' feet could not be heard, and after we had taken them in we filled the inside door with bundles of straw, putting the cut ends out, so it would look as if that place were packed full of straw. And there they stayed, as safe as could be until the close of the third day's fight. You see the men fed and watered them before daylight and after dark bedtime. That evening, about dusk, there were no rebels to be seen, and my brother-in-law went to the outside door with a bundle of hay. Just then a rebel soldier stepped up and demanded the horses. There was no use in dallying long; we were under their rule and had to show them how to get the horses out. Dear me! it was hard to give them just as much as a horse; and what were we to do with those fields of uncut grain without our horses? They had taken our cows and sheep, but we felt that we had still left what we prized most until we saw our horses led out by strangers, stolen right under our eyes. We felt badly enough about them all, but when that soldier led out Nellie—well I can hardly tell it even now.

We had had six sons, but one daughter. When she was a tiny bit of a girl, her father came in one morning and said, "Daughter, there's a nice little colt at the barn and it is to be yours and you must give it a name." So she called it "Nellie," and it was the nicest little animal we ever had, swift as a bird, gentle as the sound of her own name, and so kind always.

Our little girl had sickened and died the March before the battle—it was diphtheria—and while our hearts were yet sore it was not easy to see her "Nellie" taken away. We all cried and I pleaded hard with the man to leave her.

"She was our dear child's pet," I said, "and you can have anything on the farm if you will not take her."

At last he threw me the rein, saying, "Madam, if you have a parlor horse in it, for you will lose her if you don't." We stood around her rejoicing and petting her, when a few minutes later the same soldier came up, and pointing to some officers down by the fence said, "Madam, I am sent back for her. I despise this whole business, and I'd leave her if I could. My own brother was shot down by my side this morning and I could not stop even to give him a kind word. They say soldiers must obey." And off he walked with "Nellie."

All day Wednesday, when the firing was so active, I was concerned for the wounded, and the rebels several times asked me why I did not see after my wounded, "if I were such a great Union woman."

"Don't taunt me," I said, "for I am going as soon as I can." So on Thursday morning a Confederate officer said: "Now you can go." I asked him where our wounded were to be found, and he pointed to a large barn on a neighbor's farm; but I knew better, for that was filled with their wounded.

There had been fighting between our house and town and the Confederates held the ground, and their wounded had been cared for. I saddled the old blind horse,







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**..COUNTY NEWS..**  
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**WEST BETHEL.**  
"Twill soon be time for the vernal rhyme;  
Soon will the blue-birds sing;  
While in swampy bog, each croaking frog  
Will chorus o' 'Gentle Spring.'"  
The snow is fast melting away.

Ninety-four cars loaded with grain are now side-tracked here.

Drop all West Bethel items for the News in P. O. box 55, or hand to the regular correspondent.

Woodpiles are now seen near every dwelling house, and there the laboring men work in fair weather.

A. S. Bean had eight horses hauling the town snow-plow over the highways on Saturday last.

Ethel L. Allen of Bethel Hill visited relatives and former school-mates here for a few days last week.

According to the almanacs, Sunday was the first day of spring, but we have had spring weather for three weeks.

Eugene Briggs came up from Bethel Hill Saturday evening to spend a day with his father, brothers, and sisters.

Mrs. Lewis Tyler, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Everett Dresser, in East Burke, Vt., for four weeks, came home Saturday.

E. B. Sawyer and wife, who live on what is known as the "Main farm" had some difficulty in reaching home after a visit of two days in North Waterford. From this village they were obliged to walk two miles over a soft road, and Pleasant river having overflowed the meadows, a boat was obtained to cross the water.

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**WILSON'S MILLS.**  
Arthur Flint went to Berlin, Monday with a load of men.

J. W. Clark went to Berlin, Monday with a number of men.

Rev. S. S. York started for his home in Wilton, Me., Monday.

J. W. Bucknam went to Berlin, Tuesday, with a load of potatoes.

Simon Stahl has made his usual trip to the camps with watches and jewelry.

The youngest son of Luman Grover of Errol, is visiting his uncle, William Whittemore.

Twenty-five men came from Lincoln Pond Camp Monday. They have stopped yarding at that camp so needed less men.

A flock of forty wild geese passed over here Monday, on their way north. Robins, sparrows, and crows have been seen.

**NORTH NORWAY.**  
Fine weather for sapping.

Mrs. Frank Cox is on the sick list.

Foster and Lord are hauling hay to the village.

Eugene French has gone to Massachusetts for a visit.

Dana Bartlett and wife are soon to begin housekeeping.

Albert W. Judkins and family from the Lake region are in town.

One of Simmons Verrill's children died of membranous croup last week.

E. B. Macalaster sold 9 cows at his auction and all his farming tools. He is moving to the village.

Mrs. Amy Marshall is taking orders for a spice company in Pennsylvania and meeting with fine success.

**It Never Fails.**  
Harris & Huquo, Erin, Tenn., manufacturers of the celebrated Erin Lime, have in their employ, in various departments of their business, several hundred men.

The firm write to the Drummond Medicine Co., New York, in great praise of Drummond's Lightning Remedy for Rheumatism, and say they have cured four cases with it, and that it has not failed in a single instance. The remedy always gives satisfaction. Send \$5 to Drummond Medicine Co., and they will ship to your address two large bottles—a month's treatment—by return express. Agents Wanted.

**SOUTH PARIS.**  
There are fourteen prisoners in the county jail.

Miss Martha Dennison of West Paris was in town last Friday.

Mr. Harry Stuart went to Boston last Tuesday on a business trip.

Jeff Merrill has been severely ill the past two weeks of mumps.

The High school will begin the spring term on Monday, March 28.

Miss Ireland, the teacher of the intermediate school, is visiting her brother in Auburn.

The Sunday hours of Shurtlett's drug store hereafter will be from 9 to 10 A. M., and 3.30 to 4 P. M.

George Cutting, Jr., went to work in the can-making department of the corn shop, last Saturday.

Alton Wheeler returned home from Bates college last Saturday to spend Sunday with his parents.

Arthur Royal went to Essex, Conn., where he has obtained a position in a large manufacturing establishment.

Dr. Witham, formerly of this place, now has a large and steadily growing practice in the city of Westbrook, Me.

Walter C. Chase returned home from Lewiston last Monday, where he has been spending two weeks of his vacation from school.

Donald Bean, a young man of this place but formerly of Mason, returned to that place last Saturday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. George Chesley, who has been ill the past few weeks at the home of Mrs. Henry Howe, returned to her home in Auburn last Monday.

Miss Lulu Cook, the contralto singer who has been having a throat trouble, has resumed her position in the Congregational choir at Norway.

Dr. Horatio Woodbury has vacated his office in Odd Fellows Block, and is now occupying the rooms formerly used by Dr. Rounds.

The Oxford Democrat has recently published a lot of G. T. R. time tables which read as follows: going east, 6.40 A. M., 9.50 A. M., 5.14 P. M.; going west, 9.16 A. M., 3.30 P. M., 8.03 P. M.

Mr. Frank White, who was station agent here several years ago but who is now acting in that capacity at Gorham, N. H., has been promoted to take charge of the station at Danville Junction.

Things are beginning to look very much like spring now. The electric car track is dry, and some of the boys have begun to play ball, while many of their up-to-date elders have begun to get out their carriages and wagons.

Two car-loads of people from this place attended the Bates College Athletic exhibition and concert at Norway, last Friday evening. Two boys of this place, Herman Stuart and Allen Hutchinson, who are students at the college, took part in the program.

The Ladies' Relief Corps received a surprise party from the G. A. R. Post, last Thursday evening, just before their meeting closed. Refreshments were served and then they were entertained by several pieces on the phonograph, which was operated by Mr. George Tucker.

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**NORWAY.**  
All the village teams on wheels.

The snow is entirely gone on Main street.

Clerk of Courts Whitman is at home this week on account of sickness.

The Masonic trustees have provided their building with a first class fire escape.

Mrs. A. E. Morrison and sons of Rumford Falls, are visiting her father, Fredland Howe.

Mrs. C. L. Hathaway went to Bangor Thursday, to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Lathrop.

Sheriff Cross sold on execution, Friday and Saturday, the tools belonging to F. C. Wilson & Co. and used by them in grading the road-bed of the Oxford Central R. R. The execution was issued on judgment in favor of former workmen of the Wilsons.

Thursday evening, March 17, Oxford Lodge F. and A. M. entertained their lady friends in Masonic hall. The entertainment consisted of a degree worked in ample and awful form by the "Grand Council of Ten." It being the first time the ladies had seen the degree worked, many things were seen that were very funny to the uninitiated. Afterwards a banquet was served in the hall below, to which 270 sat down. It was voted a big time by all present.

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**BRYANT POND.**  
Lee Rowe has been to Hebron. G. W. Q. Perham is ill of diphtheria.

Archie Felt is still confined to the house.

Mrs. Lulu Wing has returned from Portland.

Ed Bean is at work in the spool mill at Locke's Mills.

A few men are at work loading stone at the quarry.

Mr. Hargrove, the Baptist minister, has been in town.

Miss Alice Day has returned from her visit in Norway.

Miss Ida Ford is visiting her friend, Mrs. Agnes Brooks.

Chas. Ricker of Caribou, visited his mother, Mrs. Thomas Ricker, last week.

The warrant is out for our free high school meeting to be held March 25th. All interested, come.

Miss Florence Day and Miss Lizzie Stevens are expected home this week from Gorham Normal School, for a ten days' vacation.

**MASON.**  
John Haggood of Bethel was in town the past week looking for working oxen.

Donald Bean of South Paris, is visiting his uncle, Oscar Mason.

George Rolfe of Albany was in this place, last Thursday.

Addison Bean and Eli Grover have formed a partnership in the sugar business and have 155 trees tapped.

Quite a cyclone Sunday night. It blew the saddle boards off Addison Bean's barn and blew many of the sap buckets away from the trees.

J. H. Bean has sold his farm to Douglass Cushing who will move here soon.

Payson Philbrook has bought a farm in Albany and will move next month, and Geo. Westleigh will move onto his place when Philbrook vacates.

**EAST BETHEL.**  
Heater Kimball has returned to school at Gould Academy.

Mrs. Brown of Berlin, N. H., is visiting her daughter in this place.

Miss Rose Kimball of Deering High school is at home on a short vacation.

Mr. G. K. Hastings has the first maple syrup of the season. He has about three hundred trees tapped.

Mrs. Irving Kimball is at home from Boston, Mass., on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holt.

Lester Bean celebrated his 13th birthday by inviting his friends to a soiree at his home, on the evening of March 11. The evening passed very pleasantly with social games and other amusements. A nice treat was enjoyed by the company, consisting of nuts, candy, maple syrup served on snow, and a huge birthday cake. Master Bean was the recipient of a number of very pretty presents.

G. R. Day has been in this place buying cattle.

Mrs. Virgil Adamson is very poorly, this spring.

Mrs. C. H. Kimball has been very sick, but now convalescent.

Mrs. C. M. Kimball is in very poor health, and has been for the past few weeks.

The postmaster at this place is very busy saving up his wood-pile, while his wife attends the business in the store.

Old March has been giving us some very fine weather, and we hope it will still march on just the same. It came in like a lamb, we hope it will not go out like a lion.

**DENMARK.**  
Elmore Swan is out again.

Mrs. Sadie Cousins came Friday and is staying to help care for her mother.

**ALBANY.**  
The L. T. R. club meets with Miss Maude Beckler the 21st.

S. G. Bean has sold his stand at the town house to Ed Paine.

Algie Wheeler has moved on to his farm near Hutchinson pond.

E. T. Judkins spent most of last week with his parents at North Norway.

Chas. Beckler finished hauling his hard wood timber to the Bethel Chair factory, last week.

Freeman Stanley, who sold his place to Algie Wheeler recently, has moved to Waterford Plains.

Chas. Grover has purchased the Horace Foster stand at North Waterford and has moved his family there.

Herbert I. Bean, who has been visiting at his old home for a few weeks, intends returning to New York the 21st.

Fred Skinner has finished his job of chopping and parading hard wood timber. We presume to say that he does not feel at all sorry.

The camp in which Henry Brown, Ezra Lebroke, and Harry McNally were camping while cutting cord wood for S. G. Bean, caught fire Wednesday of last week while they were in the woods at work, and was burned to the ground with everything in it.

The Circle was entertained at the vestry the 17th, by Miss Nina Bean, Mrs. Fern Johnson, and Miss Bernice Lebroke. Although young in years, they proved quite equal to the occasion and did the honors of the evening in a pleasing manner. There were about sixty present.

**HASTINGS.**  
Arthur Cobb is quite ill.

Dr. Williamson was in town recently.

Miss June McClusky is visiting in West Milan.

Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Grant are visiting in Island Pond.

Mrs. Allie Bennett was up from Gilead one day last week.

Harry Hobson is assisting in the store during Mr. Cobb's illness.

Johnnie Garland has been visiting a few days at Harte Coffin's in Gilead.

Miss Mary Daniels has finished work at the boarding-house. Miss LaFontaine has taken her place.

H. H. Hobson and Morris Powers went to Island Pond Saturday to attend the funeral of John Riley.

Chas. McClusky and family are soon to leave Hastings. We understand they are to move to West Milan.

There was a show at the school-house last Tuesday night which was well attended and pronounced very good.

John Riley, boss in the woods for the W. R. L. Co., while unloading goods from a moving train last Thursday afternoon, lost his balance and fell, the car passing over his leg injuring him quite badly. He was taken to his home in Island Pond where he died the same evening. He leaves a wife and six children.

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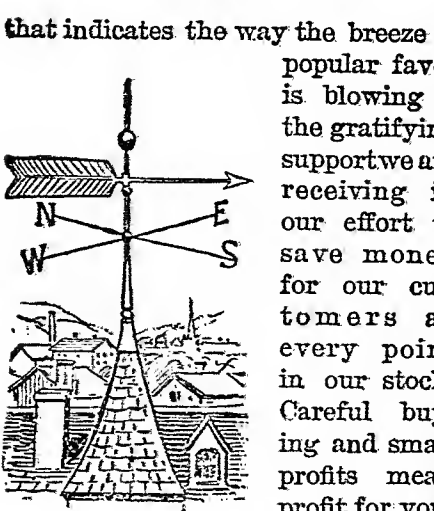
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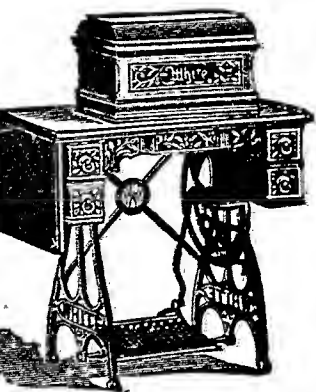
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## FARM FIELD AND GARDEN

### BUYING FERTILIZERS.

Do Not Purchase Expensive Ingredients Which Neither Crop Nor Soil Requires.

Much money is spent judiciously in buying fertilizers because expensive ingredients are purchased which neither the crop to be produced nor the soil requires. As American Cultivator explains, most of the application of nitrates growing grain crops are of this character. The nitrogenous fertility, if it be efficient at all, will most likely stimulate a large leaf growth, which will rust and probably lessen the value of the grain yield. On the other hand, potash and phosphate are just what the grain requires to fill the grain in the head. All the starch in grain is produced from carbonic acid gas absorbed by the leaves from the atmosphere. There is always in cultivated soil an application of potash and phosphate. These minerals, especially phosphate, are solvents in the soil, and it has a vegetable matter they hasten its decomposition. Potash, when in the form of fresh wood ashes, is a powerful solvent for all vegetable or animal matter. It has always a great affinity for nitrogen, and if exposed to air in the soil or above the surface it will become a nitrate of potash, one of the most of fertile manures known.

There is one advantage in buying any purely mineral fertilizer like potash and phosphate—when once put in the soil it never gets out except as it is removed by crops. The fertilizer may become insoluble, so that it is not so easily taken up; but this is one of the necessary conditions if it is not to be lost. The use of stable manures, of green manure or of nitrogen in any form will restore potash and phosphate to solubility. The growing of green manure to plow under, especially clover, will often for a long time make it needless to apply mineral fertilizers, but it can only do this on land naturally rich in minerals and on that only while enough of the original stock remains for the use of crops.

Clover has the advantage of drawing mineral fertility from the soil, but it can only do this on land naturally rich in minerals and on that only while enough of the original stock remains for the use of crops. Yet clover is so great a lover of mineral plant food that unless it is found in the soil it must be applied before clover will grow. The lack of potash is most general on sandy soils. Sometimes lime is the mineral needed. In wood ashes there is usually considerable lime, though we have used gypsum or sulphate of lime with wood ashes with better results than we could get from either alone.

Phosphate of lime is required for most grain crops, especially oats and wheat. But for clover on any soil we have worked phosphate has not been needed. No doubt the application of mineral superphosphate benefits clover as well as the grain crop grown with it. But there is in superphosphate a large proportion of gypsum or sulphate of lime, and this applied to land at a cost of a few cents an acre has given good results for the clover crop as has the more expensive phosphate. But when it comes to manuring wheat with mineral fertilizers any attempt to substitute sulphate of lime instead of phosphate of lime was at once shown in the decrease of crop.

**Fertility of Cowpess.** In planting corn last year I used for the first time a check row planter, and with the result that I had a little strip next to the lane unplanted by reason of not enough chain. This strip I sowed in cowpess, thinking they could be cut and thrown over to the cows. For some reason it was not done until we were ready to harvest the corn ground for wheat, at which time the cowpess was ripe. The cows ate only a few of them, the majority being trampled on the ground, and today I was surprised to find the grass where the cowpess of a year and a half had been green than that nearby. I had always supposed that the greater part of the fertilizing value of cowpess was in the roots, and that a large part is in the roots I know by my own experience. But from this limited test it would seem that there is also fertility to a great degree in the tops. Just why this is, I do not know, but it is a most valuable leguminous plants that we have for restoring the fertility of the soil. And as a money crop it is not to be despised, as the seed is generally as high as beans. The cowpess is a plant that cowpess brought even more than beans did.—Cor. National Stockman.

**Concrete Walls.** It is not advisable to build concrete walls in freezing weather. The proper proportions for making concrete are one part of good cement and three parts of clean gravel or broken stone. These are mixed dry and then thoroughly saturated with water. This mass has to be used at once and may be formed into bricks of any size and shape or put into board frames previously constructed, according to the plan of the walls to be built.—American Agriculturist.

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## ABOUT SUBSOILING.

The Right and the Wrong Way—Saving Soil Moisture.

The best sugar and sugar beet agitation has brought the subject of subsoiling to the front. The farmers who are ready to put their money into sugar factories insist that the beet growers subsoil their land before engaging in beet culture. It is well known, and the experience of European beet sugar makers and beet growers testifies that sugar beets are very sensitive to the influence of deficiency in moisture and under adverse conditions in this respect will fail to develop the percentage of saccharine matter that is necessary for successful sugar making. The main root and the root fibers must have a chance to reach well down into a stratum of perpetual moisture, and this necessity has led to the practice of subsoiling beet lands. Of course where the sugar beet is thus benefited other crops will reap some benefit also, and indeed there is a large proportion of our soils which it would pay as well to subsoil, whether we grow sugar beets or other crops.

The foregoing is from the pen of a writer in Farm and Fireside, who has the following to say concerning subsoiling and the saving of soil moisture: There is a right way and a wrong way of subsoiling. Several of the expert stations have investigated the subject. In most cases subsoiling when done in the fall has proved a decided benefit, especially on soils resting on a hard and packed subsoil. The fall and winter rains soak into the surface layer, six, eight or ten inches deep, and if it may be, but cannot enter the hard subsoil, so that the excess of water runs off the surface into ditches and streams. Then when this surface moisture has evaporated during the dry spell in spring or summer there is no further supply to fall back on, and the crops must suffer. Subsoiling deepens the natural water reservoir and allows the water otherwise allowed to run off to be stored up in the subsoil as a reserve ready to be drawn on when the rains fall during the growing season.

A writer in one of the exchanges sums up the difference between subsoiling in the fall and doing it in spring, as follows: "If this subsoiling is done in the fall, it will, like a porous sponge, soak full of water during the winter and spring rains and from melting snows. But if subsoiling be delayed till spring it cannot be done till the spring rains cease and the soil becomes dry enough to plow, and then, there being no water to soak down into, fill the spaces between the loose particles of earth, air presses its way down and absorbs what little moisture there is. Thus it is that fall subsoiling catches and stores the water of winter rains and drought, while spring subsoiling lets in the air to dry out what little moisture there is."

After having secured an increased supply of moisture by subsoiling, the next problem is how to use it most economically—with least waste. The waste is not only by evaporation from the bare surface, but also by evaporation from the leaves of plants. To prevent this, the farmer is easily helped within lowest possible limits by thorough, rather shallow cultivation (as has often been explained). The latter should be entirely prevented by preventing all weed growth and by timely thinning.

**Better Village, Not More Acres.** Only a short time ago a farmer gravely told me that he believed a farmer would starve to death on 40 acres of land. And he meant what he said. He had 80 acres of good land and according to his own statement the average yield of the best crops was 12 to 15 bushels to the acre; corn, 30; oats, 25; hay, three-fourths of a ton. A mile distant from him lives a farmer whose land is almost an exact counterpart of his, and his crops average 30 bushels of wheat to the acre; corn, 65; oats, 50; hay, 2 tons. It is not the quantity of land that a man farms that counts, but the quality of his farming. The fact that a man can grow six times as much wheat on one acre shows the possibilities of an acre that is thoroughly tilled. Nine-tenths of the land that is sown to wheat is not more than half prepared for the seed simply because the farmer believes in acres rather than tillage.—Fred Grundy in Farmers' Institute Bulletin.

**Do Bees Freeze?** Asked recently bees may freeze to death outdoors when the mercury sinks to 80 degrees below zero, Doolittle says in Gleamings that they may starve, but never freeze. A small cluster may freeze, but not a whole colony. One said that the bees inside the cluster on a zero morning could fly as readily as in July should the cluster be suddenly thrown apart. Gallup, when in upper Canada, told in The American Journal that "the thermometer for 60 days in succession was not above 10 degrees below zero, and for eight of these days the mercury was frozen, yet my bees, in box hives, with a few inches at the top and the bottom plastered up tight, came through in excellent condition." Doolittle finds in the hive, with the bulb of a thermometer touching the outside of the cluster, a temperature of 45 to 46 degrees, and in the center of the cluster 60 to 64 degrees when it is 10 to 25 degrees below outside.

A Familiar Term Illustrated.

**THE BUTCHER.**

"HE HAD A HANDSOME LOOK."

—New York Sunday World.

Generous Girl.

Little Fred—Mamma says she's always glad to have you come to our house. Mr. Jenkins—Indeed! Then your mamma likes me, does she? Little Fred—I don't know about that, but Sister Mildred always divides up with the bonbons that you bring her.—Chicago News.

All druggists sell Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

For some time, I have suffered with rheumatism and tried every imaginable remedy without effect. Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, telling me that it had cured many cases of long standing like mine. I have used four bottles and feel sure that one more bottle will make me completely well.—A. P. Kottz, Claremore, Ark. Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant Pond.

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**Black Dress Goods.**

New Travers and Bayaderes Stripes and braided effects woven on Sicilicene ground—are entirely new this season and much sought for.

50c to \$1.38 yard

Camel's Hair Cheviot Suitings—excellent for outing suits, being fine and firm and designed to be made up without linings, 48 inches wide, \$1.00 yard

Priestley's Face Cloths for tailor made suits. Something after the style of Broadcloth, but finer and with a handsome lustrous, 45 inch, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Open Work Eatinings—to make over black or fancy colored silk—wedge similar to a grenadine, 40 inches wide, \$1.38 yard

All Wool Checked Poplins—Regulation Poplin weave with checked or plaid formed by overshot threads or cords—very pretty, 42 inch, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Fine line of black dress goods all prices—send for samples.

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**PROBATE NOTICES.**

To all persons interested in either of the Estates of the late George W. Cummings, deceased, in the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the undersigned, the executor of the last will and testament of the said George W. Cummings, deceased, will receive all claims against the said estates, and will pay the same as they may appear. The said estates are: 1. The estate of the said George W. Cummings, deceased, in the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the undersigned, the executor of the last will and testament of the said George W. Cummings, deceased, will receive all claims against the said estates, and will pay the same as they may appear. The said estates are: 2. The estate of the said George W. Cummings, deceased, in the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the undersigned, the executor of the last will and testament of the said George W. Cummings, deceased, will receive all claims against the said estates, and will pay the same as they may appear.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.**

WHEREAS, Frank Stanley, then of District of Maine, and John P. Stanley, then of Paris, in said County, by their mortgage deed dated the sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1898, recorded in the County of Oxford, in said County, the following named and described real estate, to wit: Two-thirds parts in common and undivided of lot numbered sixteen (16), twenty-two (22), forty-five (45), forty-seven (47), eighty-three (83), eighty-four (84), eighty-five (85), ninety-four (94), ninety-seven (97), ninety-eight (98), and ninety-nine (99), one hundred and two (102), one hundred and three (103), all in the third division of lots in Rumford in said County; also two-thirds parts in common and undivided of lot numbered sixteen (16), twenty-two (22), forty-five (45), forty-seven (47), eighty-three (83), eighty-four (84), eighty-five (85), ninety-four (94), ninety-seven (97), ninety-eight (98), and ninety-nine (99), one hundred and two (102), one hundred and three (103), all in the third division of lots in Rumford in said County; also two-thirds parts in common and undivided of lot numbered sixteen (16), twenty-two (22), forty-five (45), forty-seven (47), eighty-three (83), eighty-four (84), eighty-five (85), ninety-four (94), ninety-seven (97), ninety-eight (98), and ninety-nine (99), one hundred and two (102), one hundred and three (103), all in the third division of lots in Rumford in said County; 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